



**Media Statement – Update on The Village Long Term Care Home – Hanover
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The Grey Bruce Public Health Unit had previously declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at The Village Long Term Care in Hanover on December 19 after three staff members were thought to have tested positive for COVID-19, as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. After review and retesting of swabs, the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit has official rescinded the outbreak at The Village, noting all 3 staff swabs were false positives.

These three asymptomatic staff members had been self-isolating in their homes. They are now able to return to work.

We continue to work very closely with the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit and continue to follow strict pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are being cohorted to work in assigned resident areas where possible and between the long term care and retirement portions of the home. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

Enhanced cleaning continues to be done at The Village. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

As the outbreak was declared over by the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit, residents at the Village no longer have to remain in their rooms as a result. Unfortunately, now that a lock down is in effect in the Province of Ontario, The Village Long Term Care will only have virtual visits and window visits at this time. Approved essential caregivers are still able to come into the home.

Individual recreation activities will continue so we can maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the new status that there is no outbreak.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families. We appreciate the patience and understanding of families as we put these precautions in place for the safety of the residents.

Revera continues to do everything we can to keep our residents and employees safe as we work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our long term care homes and retirement residences.

